

Chairs and Committee Members:

I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of **HB-6684** AN ACT EXCLUDING CERTAIN TARGET SHOOTING PISTOLS FROM PROVISIONS ON ASSAULT WEAPONS.

The pistols that are the subject of this bill are specifically designed for competitive shooting and are in reality not well suited for criminal use. They were included in the assault weapons ban due to the technicality that they accept an ammunition magazine that is located outside of the pistol grip. The notion that this feature somehow makes a firearm more dangerous is puzzling at best.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my view on this subject.